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1. INTRO AND SUMMARY. TEN CONSERVATIVE AND CHRISTIAN  
SOCIAL PARTIES OF WESTERN EUROPE FOUNDED A NEW SUPER PARTY,  
THE EUROPEAN DEMOCRATIC UNION (EDU) AT KLESSHEIM CASTLE  
NEAR SALZBURG ON APRIL 24. EIGHT OTHER PARTIES ASSOCIATED

THEMSELVES WITH THE EDU AS OBSERVERS. THIS MESSAGE OUTLINES THE VIEW OF THE CHRISTIAN SOCIAL UNION, THE BAVARIAN SISTER PARTY OF THE FRG'S CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION, OF THE PURPOSE OF THE EDU. IT ALSO LISTS THE NAMES OF THE MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS OF THE EDU. END SUMMARY.

2. RATIONALE FOR EDU.

AT A MEETING OF A CSU WORKING GROUP IN MUNICH APRIL 25, CSU SECRETARY GENERAL GEROLD TANDLER SET FORTH HIS PARTY'S VIEW OF THE RATIONALE FOR THE EDU. AT BASE, THE CSU ENVISAGES THE EDU AS PART OF A CONSERVATIVE/CHRISTIAN COUNTERWEIGHT TO THE INFLUENCE THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL WILL BE ABLE TO WIELD IN THE FIRST POPULARLY ELECTED EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. THE OTHER PART OF THIS COUNTERWEIGHT IS FORMED BY THE EUROPEAN PEOPLES' PARTY (EPP), THE SUPER PARTY OF THE "CHRISTIAN" PARTIES OF THE EC MEMBER STATES. IN ESSENCE, EDU EMBRACES WESTERN EUROPEAN CONSERVATIVE PARTIES WHICH FOUND THEMSELVES UNABLE TO JOIN THE EPP.

3. ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS OF EDU.

TANDLER OBSERVED THAT THE EXISTENCE OF THE EDU WOULD ENHANCE THE POSSIBILITY OF THE FORMATION OF A COALITION ENCOMPASSING THE NON-SOCIALIST ELEMENTS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. THE EDU ALSO ENABLES PARTIES WHICH ARE UNABLE TO JOIN THE EPP BECAUSE IT IS LIMITED TO EC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEMBER STATES, E.G. THE AUSTRIAN PEOPLES' PARTY (OEV), TO BE A PART OF AN ORGANIZATION WHICH IS PAN-EUROPEAN IN SCOPE.

4. EDU AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT.

TANDLER INDICATED THAT THE CSU IS CONVINCED THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE FIRST POPULARLY ELECTED EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, WHO IS TO BE ELECTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE DEPUTIES, WILL HAVE ENORMOUS PRESTIGE IN EUROPE. THE EDU HAS THE MISSION, IN THE CSU'S VIEW, OF HAMMERING OUT A COALITION -- PRESUMABLY WITH THE EPP AND PERHAPS ALSO SEVERAL INDEPENDENT ELEMENTS -- WHICH COULD SECURE THE ELECTION OF A NON-SOCIALIST PRESIDENT.

5. THE FULL MEMBERS OF THE EDU.

COUNTRY	PARTY
AUSTRIA	AUSTRIAN PEOPLES' PARTY (OESTERREICHISCHE VOLKSPARTEI)

DENMARK	CONSERVATIVE PEOPLES' PARTY (DET KONSERVATIVE FOLKEPARTI)
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FINLAND CONSERVATIVE PARTY  
(KANSALLINEN KOKOOMUS)

FRANCE UNION OF DEMOCRATS FOR THE  
REPBULIC  
(RASSEMBLEMENT POUR LE  
REPUBLIQUE)

GERMANY (A) CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC UNIONION  
(CHRISTLICH-DEMOKRATISCHE UNION  
(B) CHRISTIAN SOCIAL UNION  
(CHRISTLICH-SOZIALE UNION)

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NORWAY CONSERVATIVE PARTY  
- (HOEYRE HOVEDORGANISASJON)

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PORTUGAL SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CENTER  
- PARTY  
- (CENTRO DEMOCRATICO SOCIAL)  
-  
SWEDEN MODERATE COALITION  
- (MODERATA SAMLINGSPARTIET)

GREAT BRITAIN CONSERVATIVE PARTY

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6. OBSERVERS.

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FINLAND SWEDISH PEOPLES' PARTY  
- (SVENSKA FOLKPARTIET)

FRANCE REPUBLICAN PARTY  
- (LE PARTI REPUBLICAIN)  
-

GREECE NEW DEMOCRACY  
- (NEA DEMOKRATIA)  
-

ITALY (A) SOUTHERN TYROLIAN PEOPLES'  
- PARTY  
- (SUEDTIROLER VOLKSPARTEI)  
- (B) TRENTINE TYROLIAN PEOPLES'  
- PARTY  
- (TRENTLINER TYROLIAN PEOPLES'  
- PARTY  
- (TRENTINER TIROLER VOLKSPARTEI)  
- (N.B. THIS SEEMS TO BE A  
- MINISCULE PARTY OF ETHNIC  
- (TRANS LIVING IN THE ARE-  
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MALTA NATIONALIST PARTY  
(PARTIT NAZZJONALISTA)

SPAIN UNION OF THE DEMOCRATIC  
CENTER  
(UNION DE CENTRO DEMOCRATICO)

SWITZERLAND CHRISTIAN PEOPLES' PARTY  
(CHRISTLICHE VOLKSPARTEI)

7. THE STAY AWAYS.

AS EXPECTED, ITALY'S CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DC) DECLINED TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH THE EDU. APPARENTLY AT LEAST SOME OF THE EDU MEMBERS WERE RELIEVED AT THE DC'S DECISION. IN A SCARCELY VEILED REFERENCE TO THE DC, TANDLER NOTED THAT IF AN EDU MEMBER PARTY SHOULD COLLABORATE WITH COMMUNISTS DOMESTICALLY, THE EDU WOULD CEASE ALL FURTHER COOPERATION WITH IT. ONCE AGAIN, THE "CHRISTIAN" PARTIES OF THE BENELUX COUNTRIES REFUSED TO ASSOCIATION THEMSELVES WITH THE CONSERVATIVE PARTIES. THE DUTCH CHRISTIAN HISTORICAL UNION FLATLY REFUSED TO COOPERATE WHILE THE BELGIUM SOCIAL CHRISTIAN PARTY APPARENTLY DECLINED COOPERATION ON THE SPECIFIC GROUND THAT ITS PRESENT COALITION COMMITMENTS PRECLUDE IT. TANDLER HINTED THAT THE LUXEMBOURG CHRISTIAN SOCIAL UNION'S REFUSAL TO COOPERATE WAS CONSIDERABLY Milder THAN THAT OF ITS SISTER BENELUX PARTIES.

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8. COMMENT.

THE FRG'S CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION AND CHRISTIAN  
SOCIAL UNION ARE THE ONLY TWO PARTIES WHICH ARE MEMBERS  
OF BOTH THE EDU AND EPP. IN FACT, THE CDU AND CSU,  
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PARTICULARLY THE LATTER, HAVE ACTED AS CATALYSTS IN THE  
EFFORT TO ORGANIZE WESTERN EUROPEAN CONSERVATIVE AND  
CHRISTIAN PARTIES ON A SUPRA-NATIONAL LEVEL. THIS ALSO  
SUGGESTS THAT THE CDU AND CSU MAY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO ACT AS BROKER OR MEDIATOR BETWEEN THE EDU AND EPP.

9. A KEY MOTIVE UNDERLYING CDU AND CSU EFFORTS TO  
ORGANIZE THE EDU AND EPP IS A DESIRE TO PREVENT SPD  
CHAIRMAN AND SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL ACTIVIST WILLY  
BRANDT FROM BECOMING THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN  
PARLIAMENT. BETTS

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